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Re: NOAA Request for direct funding from PRPs for Portland Harbor Superfund Site, US EPA
Region 10, Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240

Dear Sirs and Madam:

The Lower Willamette Group (LWG) is in receipt of Dr. Fritz's February 2, 2006 request that the LWG directly pay to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) certain of NOAA's costs of providing support with respect to the remedial investigation/feasibility (RI/FS) study at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Specifically, NOAA has requested that the LWG directly fund up to \$50,000 to be used in 2006 only for RI/FS support activities. NOAA has agreed that it will provide cost documentation records at the end of the year on a mutually agreeable schedule. We understand that NOAA costs for 2006 incurred beyond the \$50,000, if any, will be included in EPA's oversight costs as in prior years.

The LWG is willing to proceed with such direct funding for this year so long as that is consistent with federal laws and regulations, including the National Contingency Plan, and with the interagency agreements between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NOAA. The LWG's agreement to provide direct funding this year is not a commitment to continue with such direct funding in later years.

The LWG will provide the \$50,000 in requested funding upon receipt of written acknowledgement from EPA and NOAA that this approach to direct funding of these particular costs for 2006 is acceptable to both agencies and that the funds will be used for NOAA's interagency support of EPA's RI/FS efforts consistent with the National Contingency Plan. Please provide such acknowledgment (email is acceptable) to the LWG Co-Chairs:

jim.mckenna@portofportland.com or rjw@nwnatural.com

With respect to cost documentation for these specific costs, the LWG requests that NOAA provide directly to the LWG (with a copy to EPA) the same level of cost documentation that it has been providing to EPA for services previously provided on this project.

Very truly yours,



Bob Wyatt
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cc: Katherine Pease, NOAA
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LWG Executive Committee